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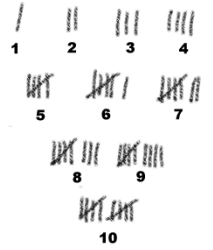
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Study Success: Survey



Complete this survey. Ask every student in the class or group. Use a tally system: make a mark in the correct box for each student.

1. How often are you late for class (school or college)? Be honest.

- Never
- Sometimes
- Often
- Usually
- Always

2. What is the most common reason for being late to class?

- Sleep in
- Transport problems
- Appointments
- Family / personal reasons
- Forget things (ID card, oyster card, keys etc)
- Don't have a watch / forget to check the time
- Can't be bothered

3. In your opinion, what is the most serious consequence of lateness?

- Miss parts of the class
- Annoy the teacher
- Get kicked off the course
- Disrupt other student in the class

4. In your opinion, how important is punctuality?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Not important at all

Study Success: Solutions for lateness

Read the following statements. In pairs, discuss and make notes of solutions for the problems.



I've got loads of brothers and sisters. It's complete chaos at home – there's always someone in the bathroom and I can never find my things when I need them. It's really hard to leave home on time.



I'm really forgetful – there are so many things to remember, ID card, Oyster card, keys... I'm always having to go back and get something.



I can't seem to get up on time. At night, I normally spend a few hours on the PlayStation and have a couple of cans of Coke. I usually get to bed at about 2.00am. My alarm goes off at 7.00 but it's so easy to switch it off and go back to sleep.



My phone's got a clock, but I can't be bothered to keep checking the time. I'm always late – my friends get really annoyed. I suppose I always underestimate the time it'll take me to do things.



I live in Tower Hamlets so I need to get two buses. It's a nightmare – when it rains the buses are always late and sometimes there are accidents which really slows things down.

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Go to K block and pick up a learner support fund form.				
Go to SpACE and get a weekly programme.				
Buy a pen from the shop in the college.				
Find out who teaches in E101 on Mondays at 9.30am (don't enter the room)				



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